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Update . . .

The IMF and Western Presbyterian Church

by Barbara F. Kahlow

On October 21, 1992, the 11-member D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board reheard the community's application for landmark designation for the Western Presbyterian Church which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) wants to demolish to build an addition to its headquarters building. Oral testimony by com-

munity representatives included Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) President Chris Lamb, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A Chair Sara Maddux, Irene Parsons, and West End Citizens Association President Jimmy Molinelli. Written testimony was submitted by FBA Executive Board Member Bar-

bara Kahlow and ANC-2A Commissioner Maria Tyler, since time did not permit their oral testimony. Many in the community were in attendance.

On October 26, 1992, after a site visit by the Board, witnessed by Chris Lamb, Sara Maddux, Barbara Kahlow, Lucille Molinelli, and Hugh Grindstaff, the Board voted 4-5 against landmarking. Voting in favor were Chairman Cassell and Members Gelletich, McCarthy and Robertson. The opposition was led by Member Joe Passonneau (architect of the Committee of 100's Whitehurst Freeway redirection proposal) who, ironically, supported designation in the Board's original February 19, 1992 vote.

The Foggy Bottom Association has challenged in the courts the Zoning Commission's order granting numerous zoning variances requested by the IMF.

Also, the City Council has yet to hold a public hearing on the closing of an alley which the IMF wishes to include in its development plan.

If hearings are scheduled FBA will circulate word so residents can participate.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Featured Speaker:

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

President

The George Washington University

Monday, November 23, 1992

St. Paul's Parish House

2430 K Street, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting, Monday, January 25

DHS Phases Out Foggy Bottom Shelter

The Department of Human Services (DHS) announced plans to phase out by March 31, 1993 the Foggy Bottom homeless shelters. The closure will be accomplished in stages to allow for placement of men and women who occupied beds in the trailers on or before October 31, 1992. Since that date, intake has stopped and persons seeking shelter at the site will be transported to available beds in other government-sponsored facilities.

The trailers, located at 27th and I streets, were originally placed at the site in October 1989 on a temporary basis. The trailers were used on a regular basis by a minimum of 90 men and women, including persons with mental illnesses who are eligible for services under the Dixon Court Order. These individuals will be allowed to continue to use the trailers during the course of the phase-out to guarantee proper housing.

For the past six months, there has been an average of 100 unused beds for men and women in District government-sponsored facilities. In addition to providing emergency shelter for individuals, the District is providing shelter to some 700 families, including 1,200 children.

The announcement follows a series of meetings between Mayor Kelly, DHS officials, and community groups and comes on the heels of the Mayor's citizens' task force on homelessness. Vincent Gray, Director of the Department of Human Services, said the targeted closure of the Foggy Bottom shelters, which includes six sleeping trailers, coincides with ongoing improvements in the operational management of comprehensive services to homeless individuals and families in the District and reflects the Mayor's commitment to working in partnership with the community to provide vital health and social services to needy residents.

Also, at the November meeting: the FBA Board is proposing to send a letter to the Department of Public Works about the Whitehurst Freeway. The text of that letter, outlining the community's concerns about plans for completion of the freeway project, will be brought up for discussion at the meeting.

Mayor's Homeless Task Force

by Barbara F. Kahlow

On October 20, 1992, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly released the final report of the Mayor's Advisory Task Force on Homelessness which she had established last fall. The Task Force was chaired by Ward 8 School Board Member Linda Moody with 16 community members (two per ward) and 16 provider/business members. The two Ward 2 members selected by the Mayor were Barbara Kahlow from Foggy Bottom and Loren Tate from Logan Circle. Early in the process, the Task Force held public hearings citywide and in each ward.

The Task Force report included 50 recommendations, each agreed to by a majority of the Task Force. So far, the Mayor has only accepted 14 of the recommendations and some of these only conditionally. The 14 include only three substantive recommendations, the first two of which she accepted conditionally: "Shelter the homeless in small facilities," "Community advisory board for each homeless facility" (including feeding programs), and "Establish a 2-year demonstration program for a community-based referral/voucher card system to help ameliorate aggressive panhandling."

Examples of substantive recommendations which the Mayor has not yet accepted are: "Enforce compliance by all facilities with all laws and regulations;" "Equally distribute emergency individual and/or family shelters for the homeless across all eight wards of the City;" "Feed the homeless in small and manageable programs;" "Implement legislation making ownership of a boarded property for more than six months illegal;" and several recommendations calling for better service delivery to the homeless.

That Was Some Election!

The Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission elections were held on November 3, 1992. The voter turnout was extremely heavy, perhaps even record-setting. Incumbents Sara Maddux (ANC2A-06), Ed Kelly (ANC2A-05), Jean Swift (ANC2A-01), and Maria Tyler (ANC2A-03) were re-elected. Incumbent Ramona Lauda (ANC2A-04) had a one vote lead over Jeff Gold until the absentee ballots were counted and gave her a larger margin. Chris Lamb was elected to represent ANC2A-02.

Jack Evans (Ward 2 City Council), John Ray and William Lightfoot (At-large City Council) were re-elected. All three appeared at the Foggy Bottom Association candidates forum in October and pledged to oppose the IMF alley closing.

Although the death penalty referendum failed, a majority of Foggy Bottom/West End residents supported the initiative. Area residents overwhelmingly supported campaign finance limitations which passed by a 2-1 vote.

LETTERS

This expresses something I have long wished to say about Foggy Bottom. As a long-time resident of Foggy Bottom I was, once again, very pleased with the showing of civic responsibility on the part of our residents and also those of West End this week. The election turnout was especially gratifying and I would like to show that by giving the results of the election of those civic activists closest to our lives, the ANC-2A commissioners. These figures were obtained from the District Election Commission:

Contested Seats	Candidate	Votes
ANC-2A03	Maria Tyler	514
	Hugh Grindstaff	176
ANC-2A04	Ramona Lauda	348
	Jeffrey Gold	341
Uncontested Seats		
ANC-2A01	Jean Swift	250
ANC-2A02	Chris Lamb	558
ANC-2A05	Edward Kelly	344
ANC-2A06	Sara Maddux	139

Thanks to the Foggy Bottom News for this opportunity.

Robert E. Steinbagen

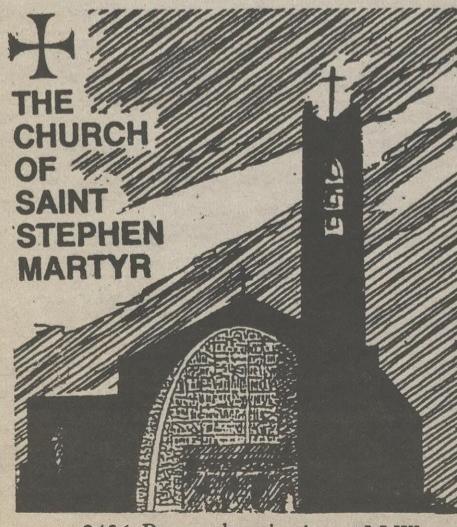
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A warm welcome to our Foggy Bottom neighbors!

BIZBUZZBIZBUZZBIZBUZZBIZBUZZ

By Betty Olsen

Kirsten Olsen is now with USA Today. The paper is beginning a new broadcast service of which Olsen is on the ground floor (actually since the building is in Rosslyn, she's on the 22nd floor). When Olsen began she was surprised to learn that another Foggy Bottomite, Chris Andrew, who lives at 22nd & L, was also with the service. He loves the area and we love you for saying so, Chris. Can't hear enough good things any day of the week. Thanks. On a clear day, a really clear day, give us a wave from way up there. Oh, by the way, we are ardent readers of USA Today and oh, yes, in another way don't forget to pick up the *Foggy Bottom News*.

Larry Donathan, in his second or "middler" year at Virginia Theological Seminary, has joined St. Mary's as a seminarian. Larry graduated from George Mason University in 1989 with a B.A. in international relations. After college, he monitored legislative affairs for a trade association before joining IBM in marketing. Larry's home parish is St. Clement's in Alexandria. Sponsored by the Diocese of Virginia, Larry has worked as a chaplain at Peninsula General Hospital Medical Center in Salisbury, Md. and

has worked in several outreach programs.

Dan Schoonmaker has joined the St. Mary's parish as an intern and will be affiliated with them through May 1993. This program was established by the Diocese of Washington to provide an opportunity for those in the process of answering a call to ordained ministry to work in a parish. Dan's home parish is St. Margaret's. He is currently Associate Director of International Student House, where he helps to manage a residence of 90 graduate scholars from 42 nations. Dan has worked in the areas of outreach, stewardship and liturgy. He is also active in the companion relationship program with the Diocese of Honduras.

Fa, la, la, la — do re mi fa so la ti do or something like that. St. Mary's Episcopal Church is ACTIVELY seeking choir members. See Julius Tilghman, Choirmaster, after the 11 a.m. service or contact the parish office for the next step in joining the group there. The church is located on 23rd Street and the Parish Office telephone number is 333-3985.

Maria Tyler, the ANC commissioner who had the trees planted along K Street median, has also wangled shrubbery for

the area. Maria got a total of 25 interspersed between the trees for all of us to enjoy — to quote Maria, "K Street looks more like a boulevard now than just a street." I surely agree, Maria, as well as everyone will as they pass by. I was so impressed with Tyler's obtaining the greenery that I even offered to be on the bucket brigade. It seems as though the shrubbery needs a bucket of water each over the winter, so when you see me crossing and sloshing next time, the line forms at the rear, there's more than one day of winter, ya'know.

Did you know that the emergency facility at George Washington University Hospital is named **Ronald Reagan Institute of Emergency Medicine?** I didn't until a Foggy Bottom stroll recently. Get out and walk the neighborhood; you will probably be writing a column too. Let me hear from you if you want to add some newsy news to the column. Call me at 965-1506 and leave a message if I'm out.

Heard from a new patient of **Dr. Lucy Beck**, one of the doctors with the Washington Internal Medicine Group on 24th St. and she exclaims, "She's wonderful!" Dr. Beck is a specialist in gastroenterology.

Did you know that **Tom Murphy** is the author of 15 books on urban government, law, housing and the suburbs? Take a bow, or two or 15, Tom; you deserve them.

Susan Grill and husband **Fred** came to our area about four years ago from Florida (Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale). Susan settled down in Middleburg but got rather itchy and wanted something more to do than watch sunsets so she became resident manager of The Savoy and they now live there.

One of her sons, **Anthony**, even moved to our area too when they closed Roosevelt Raceway in New York to bring his horses to race at Rosecroft. He has been very lucky this year in having a winning filly and colt at the trotters' raceway. The family still owns property in

Leesburg where some of the horses are pastured when they are taking a break from racing or injured and need rest.

Another son, **Michael**, is in his second year of medical school in West Virginia and travels to the neighborhood frequently. Interesting family in our midst. Mary and Chris Lamb also live at the Savoy; say hello when you see them. Chris lived at the Savoy before he was married and remained there after the wedding — seems like during Susan's watch things run verrrry smoothly over that way.

Wow, **St. Stephen's** is putting in beautiful Foggy Bottom brick sidewalks. They are handsome and so wide and smooooothe. "Happiness is a smooth sidewalk." Take a look; it really adds to the church and our neighborhood especially good for Sidewalk Talk times.

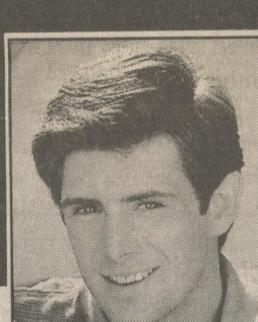
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Bill Edmondson

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ANSWER: Once your Realtor takes you house-hunting, he or she will probably show you several. Therefore, it's important to take notes on what you have seen or you may forget which home is where, how big it is, what shape it's in, and the price.

Your Realtor can provide you with a checklist to make this task easier. This way, you can instantly recall the location, price, construction, number of rooms, heat, fuel, taxes, and financial requirements. A Polaroid picture of the house to go with the notes helps, too.

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see a lot of changes for the better in Foggy Bottom and don't forget to exchange pleasantries with your neighbors as you pass. It is one of the things that makes our hamlet a special place to live. Join in you'll be glad that you did.

Saw Walter Bortz, Vice President of George Washington University, on Channel 7 not too long ago speaking on how the University is handling the needs of their workers who also have wee ones who need care in the mornings. He makes a very good appearance on television or in person.

Alfred Keyser, stock broker with Dean Witter, will speak at a wine and cheese get-together at 7:30 p.m., December 8 at Columbia Plaza's Party Room at 2400 Virginia Avenue main entrance. Subject of the evening will be "Investing In the 1990's — 18 Ways To Avoid Taxes (Legally)." Reservations should be made for head counting purposes only. Call 223-1259.

He is **Ed KELLY** not Kelley as reported in the last issue of the *Foggy Bottom*

News. Even checked it out and still the error was made. Sorry, Ed. Kelly is an ANC Commissioner at Columbia Plaza. We committed the unforgivable: "Say anything you'd like, just don't misspell my name."

James Wilson has been named Executive Chef of the highly acclaimed Garden Cafe at the State Plaza Hotel. Mr. Wilson has eleven years of experience working with small to large gourmet establishments. His culinary responsibilities have ranged from Chef Saucier to Executive Sous Chef. Previously he was at The Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City, where he was under the tutelage of the renowned Gerard Panguard, a Two Star Michelin Chef.

The Garden Cafe is located in the State Plaza Hotel at 2116 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.



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St. Mary's Church Presents Awards

As a part of St. Mary's Episcopal Church's 125th Anniversary Banquet celebration five parishioners, for their long and dedicated services to the church and its community, received the Helen T. Latimer Outstanding Service Awards.

St. Mary's vestry named these awards in honor of one of their oldest parishioners — recently deceased. Mrs. Latimer was born on May 27, 1900 and died on August 9, 1992. She loved and served the church for almost 80 years — for 70 years she was a member of the choir. It should be noted that she established the choir fund which helped establish the library of music so necessary for its operation.

Mrs. Latimer faithfully served her church in many other capacities, such as treasurer of the Women of the Church Organization, as a member of the Rector's Guild and on the Altar Guild.

Professionally, Helen T. Latimer was an elementary school teacher in the D.C. public schools. Personally, she was the embodiment of Christian love and generosity which she shared with her church and its members.

The guest speaker for the banquet was Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, who was Mrs. Latimer's godchild. Mrs. Norton spoke glowingly of her relationship with her godmother and referred to the many positive influences she had on her life as a young person and as an adult.

Those receiving awards were George A. Campbell, Louise C. Harris, Milton E. Harris, Sr., Daisy W. Selden, and Daisy P. Sewell.

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CLINTONOMICS:

A Taxing Proposition

By Joseph F. O'Donnell, C.F.A.

Candidate Clinton proposed higher taxes for the top 2% of taxpayers; it's a safe bet that President Clinton will move swiftly to have his program enacted into law. Families earning more than \$200,000 a year should consider accelerating income into 1992 and delaying deductions until next year.

The great majority of taxpayers, however, should continue to do the reverse. For example, pay your D.C. estimated taxes and other deductible items in December rather than January if you itemize. If possible, defer income into 1993 to delay paying taxes on it. Those who are self-employed, even parttime, can deduct up to \$10,000 a year against their profits when they buy equipment, such as a computer, fax machine, etc. Such taxpayers should also pay their business bills by year-end, and defer invoicing until December 31.

What about your investments? For the high-income taxpayers facing increased tax rates, tax-exempt securities will become even more attractive. The average taxpayer often thinks that tax-free bonds are only for

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Building Museum Shows Unbuilt Buildings *FB Proposals Included*

The exhibit "Visions: Revision 1992," which is now on display at the National Building Museum, consists of 64 unrealized (unbuilt) architectural proposals including several historical proposals which for various reasons, were never built. One is the proposal, dating from the 1920's, for a Theodore Roosevelt Memorial on the site now occupied by the Jefferson Memorial. Other proposals are for buildings which have been seriously discussed but have not (yet) been built. One proposal in this category is an addition to the Kennedy Center which would occupy part of the lawn between the center and the E Street Expressway.

Another group of proposals are those which have no basis in reality. Some of these appear to have been developed with tongue in cheek. One such is a proposed "Congressional Labyrinth" for the Mall at the foot of Capitol Hill. Another, "The Capitol of the State of New Columbia," is shown for the area between Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street, bridging Rock Creek Park and extending into Georgetown.

In addition to the Kennedy Center and the New Columbia State Capitol proposals there are several other proposals related to Foggy Bottom.

The exhibit will remain at the National Building Museum until January 31, 1993. The museum is in the Pension Building at 401 F Street N.W. directly across the street from the F Street exit from the Judiciary Square Metro station.

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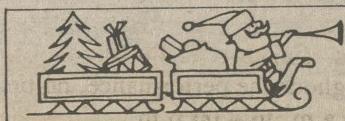
Monday, November 23: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with GWU President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg as the featured speaker. St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 24: "Red & White: Colors of Switzerland," 52-minute film of Swiss scenery, IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, N.W. 1:00 p.m.

Through Thursday, December 3: Works by art students at GWU, including work in a variety of media (ceramics, design, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and visual communications. Many are available for purchase. Dimock Gallery, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. Gallery open Tues.-Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sat. noon - 5:00 p.m.

Through Friday, December 4: Exhibit of recent creations by the New District of Columbia Collage Society. Colonnade Gallery, GWU Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W. Gallery open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Saturday, December 5: Visions: seven vocalists with a keyboard accompanist who perform music including 1930s-1950s jazz and swing, contemporary Christian, patriotic, country and folk. Rick Bockes, director (Dale City, Virginia). Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 5: The Chorale of the Fairfax Choral Society, Douglas Mears, music director, sings popular, light classical and show music, 15th-century madrigals, and Appalachian folksongs. Free. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer 9:30 a.m.



Saturday, December 5: Ticket Giveaway for 12/23 *Messiah* Sing-Along. Kennedy Center, Hall of Nations, 10 a.m.

Saturday, December 5: Ticket Giveaway for 12/27 "Spirit of Gospel" Concert. Kennedy Center, Hall of Nations. 12 noon.*

*Important note: lines form early outside the building. Dress warmly; bring thermos of hot drinks, a sandwich, and something to do while you wait for ticket give-aways to begin.

Saturday, December 5: Nebula Performing Company, Jayme Hull, artistic director. Students ages 5-16 from the School of Music and Dance in Hanover, Pennsylvania, perform holiday works. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8: Alexandria Harmonizers (Barbershop), Scott Werner, musical director. Kennedy Center, Grand Foyer, Free. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9: Bishop J. O'Connell High School Chorus, Carl Melton, music director.

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Thursday, December 10: Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting, Funger Hall, #103, 2201 H St., N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 12: National Capital Cello Club. Luiz Haza conducts 80 local cellists — students of all ages, seasoned professionals and amateur enthusiasts — in a varied program. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13: Washington Renaissance Dancers; (Wash. metro area) Kennedy Center Grand Foyer, Free. 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 14: Tubachristmas, Harvey Phillips, director. Massed brass — Euphoniums and tubas play seasonal music. Join the group in



singing favorite carols. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15: The Runnymede Singers: choral Christmas music. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15: The Carillon Handbell

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Ringers of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Kensington, Maryland, Thornton Lauriat, director. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16: Stone Soup Vocal Cooperative: songs that represent international holiday traditions. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17: Music at Noon Holiday Celebration, featuring A. Graham Down, Director of Music, Western Presbyterian Church, and composer-pianist Anthony Start, in a mixed program of traditional holiday favorites. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17: McLean Madrigals of McLean High School, Chanson Finney, director. Seasonal music. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 6:00 p.m.



Thursday, December 17: Christmas Carols, D.C. Public School students in a Christmas Carol presentation. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, N.W. 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 17: "Scholars and Scoundrels," lecture by Herman Viola, Director, Office of Quincentenary Program, National Museum of Natural History, on DeLancey Gill's photographs of Native American delegations in the 1880s and Washington's scholars, artists, government officials and others. Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Member \$3; non-member, \$5. For reservations, 202-785-2068. Reception, 6:00 p.m.; lecture, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18: Romanian Christmas Carols, with the choir from the Orthodox Church. IMF Visitors Center, 700 19th Street, N.W. 1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 18: The Children's Chorus, The Levine School of Music, performing a winter solstice celebration. IMF Visitors' Center, 700 19th Street, N.W. For information call 202-337-2227. 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 20: The Messiah, St. Mary's Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21: The Frederick (Maryland) Children's Chorus, Judy DuBoise, director. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22: The Friday Morning Music Club Chorale, Webster Alexander Rogers, Jr., music director, in a program of seasonal music. Kennedy Center Grand Foyer. Free. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday December 23: The Kennedy Center presents the annual Messiah Sing-Along. Join 2750 audience singers, orchestra, soloists, the Paul Hill Chorale and guest conductors for a sometimes riotous, often moving, read-through of Handel's masterpiece. Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Free, but tickets are required. Pick up tickets on Saturday, December at 10 a.m.



Thursday, December 24: WMAL's annual Christmas Eve at the Kennedy Center, a live broadcast hosted by Bill Trumbull and Chris Core and featuring favorite performers including the Silver Spring Mormon Choir, the Alexandria Singers, the City of Fairfax Band, and the Montgomery County Youth Symphony. Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Free. Casual seating throughout the performance, no tickets needed. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27: The Kennedy Center presents the annual "Spirit of Gospel Music" program featuring the Voices of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church (Ft. Washington, Md.), Donald Vails' Salvation Corporation (Silver Spring, Md.), and Brethren in Harmony (Sterling, Va.) Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Free, but tickets are required. Pick up tickets on Saturday, December at 10 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

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C.A. Mitchell

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Assault with a Deadly Weapon

10/21 1200 24th St 11:14a
10/31 21st & M St 2:40a

Robberies in Public Spaces

10/8 2300 I St 1:05a gun
10/15 21st & L St 9:50p knife

Simple Assault

10/3 22nd & M St 0:23a
10/17 905 27th St 8:20p
10/20 2400 Penn Ave 12:52p
10/24 2100 M St 1:00a

Burglaries/Thefts in Homes

10/2 2138 G St
10/10 1099 22nd St
10/15 2424 K St
10/22 621 22nd St
10/30 2512 I St

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Three Christmases At Sea

by Irby P. Wood

Although I spent most of my Christmases at sea from the age of fifteen to sixty, only three of them stand out with any degree of clarity or recollection — 1927, 1946, and 1968.

1927

On the eve of my first Christmas at sea a howling gale out of Canada tagged us somewhere east of Newfoundland. We were bound to Liverpool and Manchester, England on an old Hog Island freighter deeply loaded to her Plimsoll marks.

Christmas Day came in bitterly cold, dark and wet. The old box-shaped ship rolled sluggishly, slipped sideways on the grey humps of heavy seas and dipped her gunwale under. She shipped tons of green water and shook it off like a whale emerging from the deep. The crew, made of flesh instead of iron, couldn't match her steadfastness. They succumbed to the most curious assortment of grumbling that I'd ever heard.

Most of the crew were older men, toughened and calloused by the nature of their profession. They ate breakfast sullenly, in anticipation of the dietary wrongs perpetuated by the two pot system prevailing on American ships at that time.

"We won't get any of that Christmas turkey except the wings and neck," grouched Paddy Larkin, a fickle socialist.

"Yeah! We may get an apple or an orange if they are too rotten for the officers," an oiler echoed Paddy.

In spite of the baleful grumbling, scathing predictions and foul weather, the steward decorated the messroom in a manner that

transformed it in monumental contrast to the storm-wrecked decks. The menu, a traditional Christmas dinner, gave us turkey, cold roast beef, chicken, hot pork, cranberry sauce, assorted nuts, cake, cheese and pies.

No one could ignore the metamorphosis, but none of the dissenters expressed contrition. "What are they up to now?" the carpenter snipped.

"Egad! What are they up to now," says Chips. "He must be one of those damn fools who enjoys not enjoying," I said to myself.

Jones, the ship's glutton, remained silent for once. He couldn't find anything to gripe about. His trademark was incessant grumbling about the food. He had been thwarted.

As we dug into full and overflowing plates, a cold blast of arctic air swept into the messroom, and the red-faced steward stepped through the door, carrying a wicker basket containing three bottles of Demerara rum.

The steward removed the cloth covering the bottles, held them high, gazed at them lovingly and said, "Boys, compliments of the skipper. Merry Christmas to you all!"

That came as a complete surprise, outdistancing the savory food and colorful decorations. It was a catalyst that transformed the crew into grateful partisans of the taciturn, often irascible lord who ruled the ship like an absolute monarch in the Middle Ages.

1946

John Barleycorn put on his best suit on my first Christmas

at sea, but on Christmas Eve 1946 he neglected to camouflage his horns and his cloven feet. On that festival eve he demonstrated a specialty that he does not intimate when he uses his witchery as an ice-breaker to bring folk together in innocent merriment and surcease from boredom.

The S.S. Oliver Loving, a World War II Liberty ship under my command, lay in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, preparing to sail for East London. I had invited the agent to have dinner aboard that evening. During the meal, I mentioned the wreck of a vessel that lay on the rocks just south of Buffalo River.

"Yes, Captain, I am familiar with that wreck. We were the agents for that ship," my guest replied.

"Just prior to that ship's departure from here for East London her Master received a disconcerting letter that upset him considerably. He was a sad man when he sailed and fate did the rest for him that night. His ship ran on the rocks and became a total loss," the agent said, shaking his head in a manner that revealed his sympathy for that Captain.

I am not fond of sad stories and I would not have mentioned that wreck if I had known what was to follow, but before I could comment on the touching tragedy, one of my crew stuck his head in the dining saloon and said excitedly, "Captain! That big wiper is in the water."

If it hadn't been for the urgency in the man's voice, I wouldn't have been concerned. The wiper took every opportunity he could find to go swimming when off duty.

The wiper, a young Canadian I had signed on in Halifax as a replacement for a hospitalized crew member, had returned to the ship shortly before supper and while under the influence of a few or more than a few drinks of festive Christmas cheer ashore, he bet his shipmates that he could dive over the side into the harbor waters from the mainmast crosstrees.

According to another Canadian in the crew who knew the wiper from a previous ship, the wiper made a specialty of that dangerous feat. He had done it numerous times to the awe and astonishment of his less daring shipmates.

The few or more drinks of South African brandy made the difference between life and death for the wiper that time. He failed to clear the steel edge of the gunwale, in his dive, by a scant half inch. The slash in his skull exposed his cranial contents.

While the agent went to summon a doctor, the crew lifted the wiper from the water to the deck. Although unconscious, he was still alive.

"That boy is still alive," I said to the doctor.

"Yes, but he'll be dead before we reach the hospital," the doctor replied.

The irony of the event was that the wiper could have made that dive blindfolded if his judgment hadn't been beguiled by alcohol.

And irony of ironies, that lad had landed on a Normandy beach with the Canadian army on D-Day and had survived the entire North European campaign of World War II without suffering a single mishap.

I ordered the flag flown half-mast arriving in East London the next morning on Christmas Day. Although the fact that the Captain ordered his flag at half-

mast for a member of his crew earned the approval of the dock workers in that port, the real reason the rag was at half mast was that I was flying it for myself. If I hadn't hired that lad in Halifax, he would still be alive.

1968

Twenty-two years later, I docked the S.S. Alcoa Marketer at Danang, South Vietnam, on Christmas Eve. We had barely got the gangway down when a siren signalled a Viet Cong rocket attack. Blackout orders went into effect immediately.

"Have you had any rocket attacks lately?" I asked an army officer who came to check on our blackout efforts.

"Yes," he replied. "Just recently a VC rocket zeroed in on the pier opposite yours. The rocket killed one of the officers on the merchant ship discharging at that pier."

On Christmas morning I learned the name of the officer killed by the rocket: Jack Self of Mobile, Alabama. I knew him well. We had been shipmates in our youth and had studied together to prepare for our third mate's examination. Jack survived World War II at sea only to die as ironically as the young Canadian wiper at Port Elizabeth.

Jack had stepped off the gangway onto the pier at the exact second the rocket came down the pier. No one else in the crew or military received so much as a scratch.

The inscrutable ways of Providence always evoke the lamentation, Why? It is as Robert Ingersoll said in his funeral eulogy for his brother, Eban Clark, "We cry aloud but the only answer is the wailing echo of our wailing cry."

On Christmas Day our steward made an earnest attempt



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to give us a traditional Christmas dinner. He did succeed in filling our bellies, but preoccupation with the ironic death of Jack Self left me in a somber mood. However, among my solid blessings, I had the antidote for sorrow, six bottles of good West Indian rum.

The six bottles of Don Q rum miraculously had been in my closet since our last call at San Juan, Puerto Rico. How they had survived consumption I couldn't recollect, but I mused to myself, what better place or time will I ever find to sacrifice those bottles. I had noted some rather long faces at the dinner table and that led me to invite the deck and engineer officers to my cabin that evening to empty those hoarded six bottles of Don Q.

My six bottles didn't work the miracle that those three bottles of Demerara rum worked over forty years before, but it did lead one of the officers to say something to me the next morning that made me glad I had made the sacrifice.

"Can you spare a moment, Captain?" the officer said.

"Yes, come in. I'm not making much progress with this heavy-weather report anyway," I replied.

"Well, Sir," the officer began. "I felt that I should tell you this. When I got up Christmas morning, I was so miserable that I felt like cutting my own throat. I was so unhappy over a personal problem, but then you invited us to your cabin in the evening, and after a few drinks of rum, my problem seemed so insignificant and my attitude so ridiculous

Happy Caroling!

Answers to Christmas Songs Puzzle (see page 3)

1. Jingle Bells
2. Walking in a Winter Wonderland
3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
4. Joy to the World
5. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
6. O Come All Ye Faithful
7. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
8. O Christmas Tree
9. What Child is This?
10. We Three Kings of Orient Are
11. Deck the Halls
12. I Saw Three Ships A-Sailing
13. Oh Holy Night
14. Noel
15. Away in a Manger
16. The 12 Days of Christmas
17. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
18. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
19. Chestnuts Roasting on An Open Fire
20. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
21. Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow
22. Silent Night
23. Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
24. Silver Bells

that I laughed at myself. I am grateful to you, Sir."

"Yes," I had to smile as I replied. "Old John Barleycorn is a sorcerer. He is a sly master of ceremonies. He knows how to make a man in dungarees feel like a king, and he can make a Cinderella out of a scullery maid. You've just experienced one of the facets of his witchery."

Excerpted from "Give Me A Star to Steer By: A Sinbad Odyssey," with permission of Marian Wood.

John Duran Named To Kennedy Center

John A. Duran, currently the service-wide energy coordinator for the National Park Service, has been named general manager of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Duran succeeds Joseph Lawler, who was named National Park Service director of Wolf Trap Farm Park, in Vienna, Va.

In his new position, Duran will serve as National Park Service principal representative at the Kennedy Center with responsibility for maintenance, construction, security and liaison with the Board of Trustees on operating policy, plans and programs.

Since 1979 in the national headquarters of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., Duran has been managing

the energy conservation and management program for improving energy efficiency of 20,000 buildings and 8,000 vehicles throughout the 365 parks of the National Park System.

From 1974 until 1979, Duran was a management analyst at the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., managing computer systems development, organizational design, work flow studies, and budget formulation.

From 1968 until 1974, at the former U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (now Health and Human Services), Duran served as civil engineer and architect with review authority over construction of Federal Facilities, including performing arts construction projects.

Volunteers Needed

Georgetown Ministry Center is a social service agency founded by an ecumenical coalition of congregations, area businesses, Georgetown University and individuals. It was established to help homeless people in Georgetown find long term solutions to their problems. It provides a single point of entry to a network of city and private programs/services. Our goal is not merely to sustain homeless people, but to help them stabilize themselves and get themselves off the streets.

We depend heavily on volunteer assistance to provide these quality services. We would like to reach people in the community who would be interested in sharing this commitment as volunteers. Would you please help us publicize the following:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Clothing Closet Volunteers are needed. Georgetown

Ministry Center distributes clothing to homeless persons every Thursday from 10am until 1pm at the Foggy Bottom trailers. We also sort clothing during the week in preparation, so other times can be useful as well. Hours can be as little as 2-3 hours once per month or as much as 5-6 hours per week. For info call Kate McLynn 202/342-8759.

• **Volunteers to Transport Donations** are needed. Georgetown Ministry Center could really use some help picking up donations, moving clothing from storage to our distribution site, etc. All you need is a car, times and hours are flexible. For info call Kate McLynn 202/342-8759.

There are many other volunteer opportunities, those described above are just the most urgent at this time. I would welcome a call if you'd be interested in more information on GMC.

Kathleen D. McLynn
Volunteer Coordinator

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Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Spoke to Dorothy O'Callaghan of *The Senior Beacon* who works in the Bottom. She is a mystery reader extraordinaire — reads all of them, Earl Stanley Gardner, John McDonald, Agatha Christie, even a new writer, Anne Perry, whom I hadn't heard of. She even dropped one of the latter's books off for me to see how interestingly she writes with a Victorian era background with lots of historical notes of the period. If you enjoy a good mystery let me introduce her to you as well. In the wintertime it's pure enjoyment to curl up with a good book, mystery or not, whether on the couch or tucked into bed when the weather doesn't par-



ticularly permit going outside. Kiddingly, I asked if Dorothy was Irish and she said half and half, Irish and French. But in the latter generations, she said, there has been Polish added to the mix as well — but everybody is still named — O'Callaghan.

Saw DiDi Nooney on the sidewalks of Foggy Bottom

looking very "today" in a canary yellow blazer. She was on her way to the Democratic Ladies Luncheon in Georgetown. Now I wonder if that is a give-a-way of whom Nooney voted for.

Nooney plans a trip to Bermuda in the future with friends. Her sister Morella Hansen just returned from visiting with friends from coast to coast.

Steve Timlin called and said that he had found out that his "White House" in Foggy Bottom had to have some chimney work. Seems as though a long time ago they had been constructed a little less carefully then they should have been, so he is having them taken care of

so they can enjoy an open hearth safely this winter. He was also concerned that since the Bottom is an older area, others should check their chimneys out before using them. Thanks, Steve, for your concern and please pass the marshmallows.

The "Messiah" will be performed at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on 23rd Street December 20 at 4 p.m. The Rev. Darwin Price is the rector of the church and welcomes all neighbors in Foggy Bottom to attend the "Messiah."

How very nice to hear from old friends, especially the like of Dee Prins of The Griffin. Prins moved into the Griffin when it first sold in '86 and has enjoyed the location in the Bottom ever since. Prins called recently and as we were chatting she said, "Guess what — I just returned from my 40th High School Reunion." Prins went to Polytechnic High School in San Francisco. It is the same one that Casper Weinberger graduated from; he was a bit ahead of her though. Now isn't this interesting? Here they are living in the same neighborhood again with Weinberger living at the Watergate. Prins said as a whole the girls(?) looked better than the boys(?) did. Speaks well for the line of work I'm sure that Prins is in — cosmetics at Neiman Marcus.

Prins was in San Francisco for four days and visited many friends of yesterday while there, especially her best friend from college days. Talk about catching up . . . She also attended college in SF gaining her liberal arts degree from San Francisco State. This was her first reunion and she was awarded the prize for coming the greatest distance to the festivities.

More Prins' news; she and

Donna Costlow of Columbia Plaza celebrated the birthday of a friend, Don Plumleigh, at a seated dinner (at Prins' Griffin address) with all the preparations by Costlow. An Italian dinner was served with a special birthday cake of chocolate mousse with red raspberries tied with a chocolate bow — sounds sinful — let's hear it for sin.

If you are home alone or just don't want to cook Thanksgiving Day join a congenial group at a hotel for dinner. For further information on location and price call 223-1259.

So sorry to hear of the death of Mae Becker of Potomac Plaza recently. She will be missed in the neighborhood. She was an active member of St. Stephen's for years, taking part in the many organizations at that church.

Hear that Susan Puffenbarger's father died recently. He requested that no services be held for him. So the family and friends got together one weekend to do what he always enjoyed while alive — watch a Redskin football game, have a couple of drinks and snacks and listen to old favorites of Benny Goodman and the others of that era. He would've liked it that way, I'm sure. Family came in to the Puffenbangers' residence on I Street from Bucharest, Panama, and the surrounding DC area. The father will be missed for sure, but remembered as he would want to be remembered — happily.

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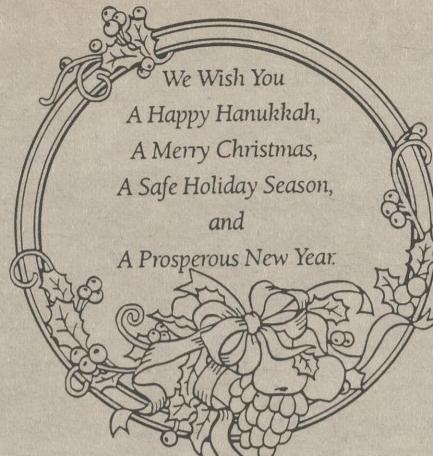
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Highlights of ANC-2A Meeting November 12, 1982

At its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on November 12, 1992 ANC-2A:

- Requested the Zoning Commission not to "set down" (i.e., convene) a public hearing requested by Allstate Hotel Properties to change the zoning from SP-2 to C-3-C at 515 20th Street, currently the site of a parking garage;
- Requested the district government to install a traffic light at 21st and F Streets, to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety at that intersection;
- Strongly opposed the application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a variance to permit the use of the ground floor and basement of the property at 910 New Hampshire Avenue as a dry cleaning pick-up store, which property is located in the Foggy Bottom Historic District;
- Opposed, as part of the initiative by the Zoning Commission to create an expedited procedure known as a "Consent Calendar," the proposed provision regarding seven days' notice; requested that the response period be increased to 45 days; and recommended that, if there is an objection by an ANC to placing an item on the Consent Calendar, the item automatically be removed from the Consent Calendar and be subject to a public hearing;
- Opposed the application to the Public Service Commission for the installation of a second outdoor telephone at 1800 G Street;
- Heard the progress reports from the Chair of the GSA Heating Plant Task Force, and from the Chair of the ANC on phasing out of the Foggy Bottom Homeless Shelter by March 31, 1993 and on the process for the biennial review and amendment of the Comprehensive Plan text and maps.

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In spite of the conflict with the presidential debate, members of the Friends of the West End Library turned out for the annual meeting on October 19 to elect officers and decide on the use of funds. Over the past two years, the group has donated \$16,000 to the library.

The Friends are having a membership drive and soliciting donations. Dues are \$10.00 for the period October 1992-September 1993. The Friends are also planning another fund-raising effort — a used book sale next April. People with books and records to contribute can

drop them off at the library, 24th and L Sts., N.W. If you need help in getting books to the library, please leave your name and telephone number with the Information Desk at the Library (727-1397) and someone will contact you.

At the October meeting, members re-elected the group's officers: Robert C. Brewster, president; Mary Lou Hennessy, vice president; Lucille G. Duprat, Treasurer; and Judith A. Maguire, Secretary. Robert F. Alcorn is ex-officio member of the Executive Board, and Henrietta Zoltrow heads the Finance Committee.

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On the left; At ANA Hotel: Mary Cleary and Marie Kirby; Sheena, Queen of the Jungle; Ellie Becker and ANA's Heather Freeman; and three Dalmations. Center: Kirsten Olsen with Dracula and a Jersey Cow. Right: Atlee Shidler welcomes John Batman Salathe; Ben Hur lookalike; and Capt. Underdog at Casey's.



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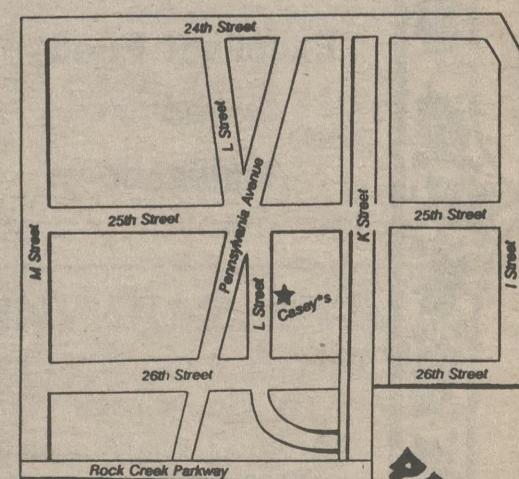
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